MR. HULLAH'S MUSIC HALL, LONG ACRE.—A portion of the new St. Martin's Hall, erected from the design of Mr. W. Westmacott, for the use of Mr. Hullah's singing schools, is completed, and about to be opened. We will give some particulars next week. The approaches seem very unsatisfactory; but this, perhaps, results from the fact that the design is at present but partly carried out.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION.—At a late meeting, Mr. Charles Gray read a sensible "Review of the Present Position of Architecture." On the 1st inst., a paper was read by Mr. J. D. Wyatt, on "The Steeples of Northamptonshire."

MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC BODIES

To be held during the ensuing week.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12.—Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 13.—Society of Arts, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, 14.—Royal Society, 8½ p.m.; Society of Antiquaries, 8 p.m.; Royal Academy, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, 15.—Architectural Association, 8 p.m.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"X."—Every street must be 40 feet wide at the least (under Metropolitan Buildings Act); two entrances are not enforced. "Alleys" must be 20 feet at least, and must have two entrances.

"*A Builder.*"—The New Sewers Act gives the Commissioners of Sewers power over the Buildings Act, in matters concerning drainage.

"An Enquirer," "J. D." (was in type, but of course cancelled), "M. D.," "J. C." (let him go into a good builder's office, and practise drawing in the evenings. The parts are all out of print), "G. S." (our last number contained further information), "J. L. G.," "P. F." (may rest assured that we are not unobservant of who are friends and who are foes. We can afford to wait), "R. B." (next week), "Chremes," "J. N." (shall not be lost sight of), "Anti-Humbug," "H. R." (next week), "J. F.," "W. G. W." (against our rule to comply), "A Clerk of the Works," "J. W. H." (we have no further information), "Q.," "Y. Z.," "Z. Y." (for the purpose in question a brick drain would answer, and is cheaper), "D. B. M." (he could not recover 5 per cent., but *quantum meruit*. We will advise professionally if applied to), "J. D. P.," "C. R. S." "W. W," "J. M., Kingston" (the price is 17s. 6d. each.)

NOTICE.—All communications respecting *advertisements* should be addressed to the "Publisher," and not to the "Editor:" all other communications should be addressed to the EDITOR, and *not* to the Publisher.

"*Books and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BUILDERS and CONTRACTORS, requiring Assistance in taking out Quantities, Measuring up Works, &c. &c.; the Advertiser offers his services upon moderate terms.—Address, SURVEYOR, 41, Argyle-square, King's-cross.

TO ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS, AND OTHERS.
COPYING, &c.—Specifications, Contracts, Agreements, Leases, Estimates, Accounts, Valuations, Inventories, and other documents copied or engrossed in a proper manner at half the usual charges. Specifications copied at 2d. per sheet. Country communications promptly attended to. Good writers sent to any part of town or country.—ROBERT KERR and Co., Law Stationers and Writers, 12, Chichester-rents, Lincoln's-Inn, London.—Established 1848.

TO ARCHITECTS.—COMPETITION AND OTHER DRAWINGS.
MR. THOMAS S. BOYS, Member of the New Society of Painters in Water Colours, and author of "The Picturesque Architecture of Paris, Ghent, Rouen, &c." and of "London as it is," offers his services in Tinting Backgrounds, Landscape, Perspective Views, Interiors, &c. From the long experience he has had in such subjects, he is fully aware of the points essentially necessary to be attended to. Drawings and designs lithographed in a superior manner.—Address, MR. BOYS, 51, Great Titchfield-street, Oxford-street.

ARCHITECTURAL SUBJECTS (outlines), coloured for Competition or Exhibition, and embellished with Landscape, &c., Buildings, Portraits, and Views, Lithographed in a superior style, by GEORGE CHILDS, 13, Amwell-street, Pentonville.

TO THE BUILDING PUBLIC.
FIRST-RATE ORNAMENTS in PORTLAND, ROMAN and other CEMENTS, and PLASTER of PARIS, at reasonable prices, consisting of Vases, Balusters, Capitals, perforated Panellings, Consoles, Brackets, Trusses, Wreaths, Scrolls, Masques, Heads, Figures, Friezes, Gothic and other Chimney-Shafts, 8-ft. Bed-moulds, Paterae, &c. &c. Centre Flowers from 10 feet diameter downwards. An assortment of Shop-front Trusses always ready for Using.—HERBERT and SON, Modellers, &c., 61, Parker-street, Drury-lane.

WESTERN LIFE ASSURANCE and ANNUITY SOCIETY, 3, Parliament-street, London.

TRUSTEES.
Messrs. Cocks, Biddulph, and Co., Charing-cross.

VALUABLE NEW PRINCIPLE.
Payments of Premiums may be occasionally omitted without forfeiting the Policy, on a new and valuable plan adopted by the Society only, as fully detailed in the Prospectus.
Attention is specially invited to the rates of Annuity granted to Old Lives, for which ample security is provided by the large Capital of the Society.
EXAMPLE—1001. cash paid down purchases

An Annuity of £10	4	0	to a Male Life, aged on	} Payable
.....	13	5	1	65 } as long
.....	14	14	3	70 } as he
.....	19	11	10	75 } lives.

The Annuities are payable Half-yearly; and the first Half-year's Annuity is paid six months after the purchase-money is received. All expenses of the Annuity-deed are defrayed by the Society.
Every information respecting Policies of Assurance, the amount of Fines for the renewal of Leases, Church Leases, the value of Reversions, &c., can be obtained at the Office, from
A. SCRATCHLEY, Actuary and Secretary.
Members of Building Societies, in London or the Country, who are desirous of ascertaining whether the Associations they belong to are conducted upon sound and equitable principles, or at present are in a safe position, can obtain, GRATIS, the necessary investigation papers, and the correct form of the liability and asset account, which should be made out annually by their Society, on application personally, or by letter, with two postage stamps enclosed, to the Actuary, 3, Parliament-street, London.

REDUCED PRICES.—EDWARD ZIMMER (late William Clarke), of Wilson-road, Pimlico Basin, begs to acquaint Builders and the Trade that he has now on hand, at his Manufactory (the first of its kind ever established), a very large Assortment of Dry and Well-seasoned OAK and DEAL PREPARED FLOORING BOARDS and MATCH BOARDING of all sorts, from 1 inch to 1½ inch thick, planed in a parallel width and thickness, and at greatly Reduced Prices. Also, Timber, Deals, Oak Planks, Scantlings, Sash Stiles, Mouldings prepared by Machinery, Laths, &c.—Apply at E. ZIMMER'S late W. Clarke's Flooring Manufactory, William-road, Pimlico Basin.

FLOORING.—ALFRED ROSLING begs to inform his customers and the trade generally, that he has again very materially REDUCED the PRICES of his DRY FLOOR BOARDS, of which he has in stock an extensive assortment. To purchasers of a quantity of Prunble prepared boards A. R. is able to offer a great reduction upon his current prices, to avoid the expense of pilling away in the drying sheds. Mouldings in great variety, and prepared in a very superior manner.—Southwark-bridge Wharf, Bankside, October, 1849.

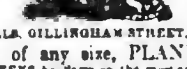
THOMAS ADAMS, Mahogany and Timber Merchant, Bermondsey New-road, Southwark, near the Bricklayers' Arms, is SELLING SEASONED FLOORING at LESS PRICES THAN ANY ADVERTISED; also, MATCHED Boards and Mouldings prepared from the very best material and in a superior manner. Cut deals and battens of every dimension; mahogany, cedar, rosewood, wainscot, elm, beech, ash, &c.; pantile, oak, and fir laths; wheelwrights' goods. All sawn and prepared goods for export delivered free of expenses. Sawing charged at small prices. Very extensive drying-sheds.
N.B. English timber taken in exchange for foreign.

GENERAL WOOD-CUTTING COMPANY.—SAWING, PLANING, AND MOULDING MILLS, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, between the Suspension and Waterloo Bridges. SAWING and PLANING in all their branches executed with the greatest despatch and punctuality. A large Stock of seasoned and beautifully WORKED MOULDINGS, consisting of upwards of two different patterns kept constantly on hand; also an extensive assortment of dry prepared FLOORING BOARDS, of all qualities and at reasonable rates.

PRESENT PRICES of SEASONED FLOORING, prepared by Improved Machinery. Nett cash.

11 in. yellow, per sq.	.... 9s. 6d.	1 in. spruce, per sq.	.... 12s. 0d.
1 " " "	.... 17s. 6d.	1 " " "	.... 11s. 9d.
1 " " "	.... 14s. 6d.	1 " " "	.... 10s. 6d.

Within the measured after being wrought. Quantities not less than thirty squares delivered within 3 miles free.
SAMUEL ARCHBUTT and CO., Timber Merchants, Sawing and Planing Mills, Kingsland, Chelsea.


MUIR'S PATENT — PLANING MACHINE.

SAW MILLS, GILLINGHAM-STREET, PIMLICO.
TIMBER of any size, PLANK, DEALS, and BATTENS, &c., Sawn on the most approved principle Boards, &c. Prepared, Matched, and Grooved, by Muir's Patent Machinery. The Mills have all the advantages of navigation and water-carriage, being connected with the Thames by the Grosvenor Canal. Goods fetched from the docks and carted home free of charge.
Address to HENRY BOOTHAM,
Saw Mills, Gillingham-street, Pimlico.
N.B. Estimates given for Sawing and Planing.

PHILLIPS, ALLCARD, and CO.'S IMPERIAL DEAL SAW MILLS, WENLOCK-ROAD CITY-ROAD, beg to invite the attention of builders, carpenters and the trade, to their well selected stock, consisting of a large assortment of TIMBER, DEALS, PLANKS, and BATTENS, of every description, and thoroughly seasoned. They also have constantly on hand, and ready for immediate use, white and yellow prepared FLOORING BOARDS of all thicknesses, tongued matched lining, cut and planed to a parallel breadth and thickness. And they are enabled to offer all their goods at very moderate prices.

G. JENNINGS,
PATENTEE AND MANUFACTURER
OF THE
INDIA-RUBBER TURE COCK AND WATER-CLOSET, PATENT DROP SHUTTER-SHOE AND FASTENER, &c. &c.
Descriptive Drawings and Testimonials sent on application.

LIGHT, CHEAP, and DURABLE ROOFING.—CROGGON'S Patent Asphaltic Re-fine Felt, and Inodorous Felt for damp walls, sold in rolls 32 inches wide, 1d. per square foot; also Dry Hair Felt, for preventing the radiation of heat and deadening sound, and sheathing for ships' bottoms, on which the copper last smooth. Samples, directions, and testimonials sent by post.—CROGGON and Co., 3, Dowgate-hill, London.

PAVING, 2s. 9d. PER SQUARE YARD. Basements, Foot-walks, Malt-houses, Corn stores, Floors of Warehouses, and every description of Pavement laid down at the above low price, and the work guaranteed.—Apply to JOHN PILKINGTON, ASPHALTE AND BITUMEN PAVEMENT OFFICE, 18, JOHN-STREET, ADELPHI.—N.B. Country Agents and Railway Engineers and Contractors supplied with the best bitumen for covering bridges and arches.

PAPER-HANGINGS at E. T. ARCHER'S Manufactory for English, and Warehouse for English and French Paper-hangings, and all materials connected with the trade. The Panelled Decorations are fitted up on the walls of an extensive range of show-rooms, giving at one view a drawing or dining-room furnished fit for occupation.

LIST OF PRESENT PRICES.

Painted marble, granite, and oak papers	1d. per yard.
Superior bed-room papers	1d. "
Satin ground papers for bed-rooms, drawing and sitting rooms	2d. "
Flock papers on grounds, and crimson flock on oak	4d.
Bronze drawing-room papers	6d.
Rich gold paper	10d.
Brocade and Flock	9d.

10,000 feet of gilt mouldings always in stock.
E. T. ARCHER, 461, OXFORD-STREET, LONDON.
January, 1, 1850.

HORNE'S INDIA-RUBBER PAPER for DAMP WALLS is the cheapest and best hitherto offered to the trade, the price being 8s. 6d. per piece of twelve yards, and its being entirely free from the unpleasant odour arising from grain, parchment, and such papers, and consequently lower in price, is an important consideration in its favour.—ROBERT HORNE, PAPER-HANGING MANUFACTURER, 61, Gracechurch-street, City, at the same time invites builders and the trade to inspect his extensive stock of NEW DESIGNS IN PAPER HANGINGS, which, by the aid of powerful machinery, he is enabled to offer at the following unprecedented prices, in stock quantities, for cash only, viz.—

Stout lining paper	4½d	
Superior ditto	6d and 7½d.	
Bed-room papers, in great variety	6d.	9d.
An excellent oak paper	9d.	9d.
Sitting-room ditto, on blended grounds	7½ to 9d.	9d.
Hand-made marbles	1s. 6d. to 1s. 6d.	
Queen satin paper	1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.	
Rich flock papers (by a new process) ...	2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.	
Hand-made granites	1od. to 1s. 6d.	

Every novelty in French and English panelled decoration always on hand; also excellent imitation of fancy woods, superior to any hitherto manufactured on paper.
N.B. Patterns sent into the country, showing the style and quality of the above, on receipt of two postage stamps, and the goods despatched with promptitude on receipt of a remittance to the amount of the order given.—Folding screens in great variety, wholesale and retail.—To be obtained only at HORNE'S Wholesale and Retail Establishment, 61, Gracechurch-street, London-bridge.

TO CONSUMERS of PLASTER of PARIS. —The Advertiser is in a position to supply the above article to quantity at extreme low rates.—Particulars may be had on application.—Address, W. R. WILKINSON, Pendlebury, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ATKINSON'S CEMENT.—This Cement has hitherto been manufactured in Yorkshire, and through home detention at sea, has often proved stale and unfit for use on its arrival in London. By the arrangement now made, the Cement will be manufactured in London, and thus guaranteed to be used in a fresh and genuine state by the sole Agents, J. B. WHITE and SONS, Millbank-street, Westminster.

KEENE'S and PARIAN CEMENTS, for internal stucco, are employed very advantageously in place of wood for stairhead, architraves, and panel mouldings, and for in-door flooring, instead of stone. The peculiar properties of PARIAN Cement allow of its being painted or papered upon within a few hours of its application, and thus render it an important substitute for ordinary plastering in those cases where expedition and beauty of finish are essential.—J. B. WHITE and SONS, Millbank-street, Westminster, Patentees of KEENE'S Cement, Licensees of PARIAN Cement.

PORTLAND CEMENT, as manufactured by J. B. WHITE and SONS, possesses all the properties of the best Roman Cement-but has the advantage over that material of wholly resisting frost. When used as a stucco it does not vegetate or turn green in damp situations, and possesses an colour for Ornamental as an hydraulic mortar for brick-work, it requires four to five measures of sand to one of cement, and is proved by trial to become harder and stronger in these proportions than Roman Cement with but one measure of sand. This superior cementing power, combined with its eminently hydraulic properties, point it out as the finest material for building sea and reservoir walls, the lining of reservoirs, cisterns, and baths, and for all those purposes where strength and a perfect resistance to water are required.
Manufactories—J. B. WHITE and SONS, Millbank-street, Westminster, and 88, Seel-street, Liverpool.

PORTLAND CEMENT, solely MANUFACTURED by WILLIAM ASPDIN, Son of the Patentee.—Messrs. ROBINS, ASPDIN, and Co. request references to Nos. 2201 page 49; and also Nos. 240 and 333, pages 343 and 351 of "The Builder," for accounts of EXPERIMENTS on the strength of Portland Cements, wherein the great superiority of their Cement is manifest. This Cement has been proved for upwards of twenty years in the Thames Tunnel to resist the action of water. It is stronger in its cementitious qualities, harder, and more durable than any other description of Cement; it does not vegetate, or cause, or turn green; nor is it affected by any atmosphere to discolour whatever the climate, resisting alike the arctic frost and heat. It is manufactured to set in from five to sixty minutes. For all purposes that Cement is applicable the Proprietors challenge competition.—Orders received by Messrs. ROBINS, ASPDIN, and Company, at their Manufactory, Northfleet, Kent, and their Wharf, Great Scotland-yard, Whitehall; also by their Agent at the Depôt, 1, Back Union, Liverpool.

MARTIN'S PATENT
FIRE-PROOF AND ORNAMENTAL CEMENT,
APPLICABLE FOR
ALL INTERNAL PURPOSES WHERE PLASTERING IS REQUIRED.

This invaluable Cement has now been before the public so many years, and has had so high a standing in the estimation of all who have used it, that it is unnecessary to comment on its merits. Messrs. STEVENS and SON, however first called upon to observe, that from the greater extent of surface which a given quantity of MARTIN'S will cover, as compared with other Cements for internal use, there will be found a gain of 18½ per cent. to material, full 7 per cent. less in price, with an additional saving in labour and in point of detail, by its allowing about forty minutes for working, being less than one tenth of the time of other cements of a similar nature, therefore worked with greater facility, making together the enormous saving of full THIRTY-THREE PER CENT: its advantages therefore cannot escape discovery.
Upon trial, showing its beauty, hardness, and applicability to all plain and ornamental purposes, may be seen; and the Cement, in any quantity, obtained of Messrs. STEVENS and SON, at their Plaster and Cement Works, 166, Drury-lane, London.—Manufactory, Derwent Mill, Derby.

THE PARIAN CEMENT, for INTERNAL STUCCO, when you employ Mr. Morris J. B. K. MORLEY'S warehouse and dwelling in Wood-street, Cheapside, to the City, has been used throughout the premises, in every story; altogether about ten thousand yards superficial, chiefly upon recently built walls, and a small part on upon timber partitions, and that with the most perfect and satisfactory result. I feel it also necessary to observe, that the plasterer's work was all executed in remarkably hurried up time, day by day the painters, therwise mistaken me to have the buildings complete in the shortest possible time, both for business and for the occupation of the establishment. I am therefore, of opinion, that the use of this new material is a most valuable feature in building operations, and fully justifies that which I was given to understand, viz., that it was an extraordinary material. I think it right to mention that I am at the present time having a great extent of similar work executed at another range of buildings where lime and the quality of the work are of the utmost importance.
(Signed) JNO. WALLEN, Architect, London.
To Messrs. Chas. Francis and sons, Manufacturers, Nine Elms.

GREAVES'S BLUE LIAS LIME, WARWICKSHIRE CEMENT, BLUE BARN FLAGGING STONE, and MARBLE WORKS, WARWICK.
AGENTS—
Messrs. Nutter and Verrey, 6, South Wharf Paddington.
Messrs. Shaddick's, Paddington-green, Lambeth.
Mr. J. Thompson, Back King-street, Manchester.
Mr. T. Wylie, 1, Royal Bank buildings, Liverpool.
Mr. J. Harrison, Lancaster-street, Chester.
Mr. T. E. Murchison, Parade, Plymouth.
Mr. J. Rosehill, Bentley-street, Birmingham.
And can be delivered by the Proprietors own boats to any part of the kingdom.

CAUTION.—THE PATENT ALKALI COMPANY'S METALLIC BLACK AND PURPLE BROWN PAINTS.—Attempts having been made to sell other paints by the aid of the Company's testimonials, the public are informed that the under mentioned are the only authorized agents for the sale of these important and valuable products:—
AGENTS.—Messrs. Bryant and May, 123, Tooley-street, London: Mr. James Low, Bristol: Messrs. Evans and Hodgson, Exeter: Mr. Samuel John Pill, Yarmouth, Norfolk: Mr. D. Sanderman, Glasgow: Mr. D. Sanderman, Dundee: Mr. R. Neeley, Bradford, Yorkshire: Mr. R. B. Parr, Edinburgh: Mr. W. Bagley, Wolverhampton: Mr. Robert Ireland, Plymouth: Mr. M. J. Bonham, Peterborough: Mr. Edward Wilson, Manchester: Mr. H. W. Potter, Manchester: Mr. H. W. Lowry, Liverpool.
Orders will also be received and information supplied by the Secretary, Mr. JOHN A. WEST, 3, New Broad-street, London.

EMERSON'S PATENT LIQUID CEMENT is ready for use, as simple as its application, and only ONE EIGHTH the cost of oil paint; for beauty it is pre-eminent over all other materials used on the fronts of houses, giving the exact appearance of FINE CUT STONE. It can be used at once on fresh Roman cement or other plastering; is particularly calculated for country houses, villas, or gate entrances that have become soiled or dingy, which can be beautified in any weather, at a trifling cost.—Sold in casks of 1, 2, and 3 cwt., at 8s. 16s., and 32s. each.—H. HELL and Co., 16, Basing-lane, Cheapside.

EVANS'S MINERAL OXIDE PAINTS. —Offices, 8, Philpot-lane, London.—Stone or drab, oxide of zinc, 35s. per cwt.; black, oxide of lead, 28s. per cwt.; dark brown, oxide of iron, 20s. per cwt. Packages of 1 cwt. and upwards are not charged.
These preparations of the Mineral Oxide Paints will be found more durable, and at the same time more economical than any other paints. They are warranted to protect the surfaces to which they may be applied against rain, dry rot, and damp. They are proof against atmospheric influence, steam, and salt water. Directions for use are affixed to every package.